

## **Pastor Roy's Sermon on Matthew 17:1-27**

### **(December 3, 2025)**

***—Below are questions from that lesson to further our understanding—***

1. Have you truly counted the cost of discipleship, and are you taking up your cross daily, or is your commitment to Jesus merely theoretical rather than practical?
2. When Peter, James, and John witnessed the Transfiguration, they saw Jesus in His glory alongside Moses and Elijah. How does this event affirm Jesus' identity as the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets?
3. God the Father commanded the disciples to listen to Jesus during the Transfiguration. In what areas of your life are you struggling to truly listen to and obey what Jesus is saying?
4. The disciples failed to cast out the demon because of their little faith, yet Jesus said faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains. What is the difference between small faith and mustard seed faith?
5. Is your faith real and heart-felt, or is it merely words you speak without true transformation? How can you tell the difference in your own life?
6. Jesus repeatedly told His disciples about His coming death and resurrection, yet they were distressed and did not fully understand. What truths about Jesus have you heard repeatedly but still struggle to fully embrace?
7. When Jesus touched the terrified disciples and said, 'Rise, and have no fear,' He demonstrated His compassion in moments of overwhelming spiritual experience. How does Jesus meet you in your moments of fear and uncertainty?
8. The disciples asked why the scribes said Elijah must come first, showing their confusion about prophecy and fulfillment. How do we balance understanding biblical prophecy with trusting God's timing and methods?
9. Jesus instructed Peter to pay the temple tax even though, as the Son of God, He was technically free from it. What does this teach us about being in the world but not of it, and submitting to earthly authorities?
10. After witnessing the Transfiguration, the disciples saw no one but Jesus only. How can we ensure that in our spiritual experiences and religious practices, we ultimately see and focus on Jesus alone?